GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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ASSISTANCE FOR ETHANOL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided special loans to sugar mills for increasing ethanol production capacity in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the ethanol production capacity after utilisation of the said loan in the country;and

(d) the quantum of increase in the said capacity after utilisation of the said loan?

Answer

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(a): Under Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982 and Sugar Development Fund Rules, 1983, loans are given to sugar factories, inter-alia, for production of anhydrous alcohol or ethanol from alcohol or molasses.

(b): The loans from Sugar Development Fund are given to the sugar factories for improving their viability by utilising their by-product for value addition and thereby better profits. An amount of Rs.44851.02 lakh has been sanctioned to the sugar factories for this purpose since inception viz. 2003.

(c) & (d): Figures of total ethanol production capacity in the country are not maintained. However, with the above mentioned loans, ethanol plants with a total capacity of 2027 KLPD are proposed to be set up in the sugar factories.